

Cultural Council Minutes

March 17, 2010

Present: Leah Kliger, Emily Hanna, Amy Whittenburg, Margit Moore, Rebecca Devere, Jeff Parks, Kathy Feek, Sheila Mickool, Melissa Nelson, GG Getz, Erik Gordon, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff) Julie Huffman (staff)

Absent: Bhaj Townsend, Bob Larson, Cathy Heffron,

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Introduction of new member Erik Gordon

Leah introduced the newest member appointed by the City Council, Erik Gordon.

Reappointment of Amy Whittenburg

Kathy moved to reappoint Amy to position 13, Rebecca seconded motion, motion carried.

Budget Update

Staff member Julie Huffman reported that there is \$3500 left of funding for the year, with \$1400 of it previously earmarked for community collaboration events.

Chair Report

Chair reported that she would like to ask the City Council for \$20,000, following up from her meetings with the newest members.

Staff Report

In the interest of time, this item was skipped.

Guest

Christine Exline from Seattle International Film Festival present. They are looking for an Eastside presence. SIFF will be in Kirkland June 1-7th at the Kirkland Performance Center, with free outdoor screening at Juanita Beach (correction made following the meeting—report at meeting was Peter Kirk) Park May 29th. SIFF would like financial support and offers community partnerships at different levels. SIFF can use volunteers as well, including teen volunteers. Council discussed supporting SIFF. GG moved to fund them at \$500 level, and include with that a letter of suggestions to assist in connecting them with local resources. Motion carried.

Minute for the Arts

Melissa reported on her student's entry to the Lucerne "Art of Dairy" contest. She is a finalist. As the finalist, the artist receives an 8 foot fiberglass cow to create her entry on the cow. Melissa also showed an example of Patrick Dunning's signature project.

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting minutes were reviewed. GG made motion to approve, Kathy seconded, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kirkland CACHET

Amy reported that the CACHET Event is on Monday and final details are being worked out. Amy encouraged the Council to sign up for the listserv. Next meeting is first Monday of April at 5:30 at St. James.

Foundation

GG reported that the committee is leaning toward a community foundation that would have sub foundations with specific focuses. Sheila reported that the committee discussed a potential mission statement, and reviewed models of similar foundations. A possible example is an umbrella foundation with foundations below it. There is some concern that arts and culture will be lost with a community foundation. Potentially the foundation could focus on some of the social issues that the arts address. Council decided to do some more research and outreach to determine what the community is open to. The committee will create a one-sheet summary for each option—arts and community, with mission, focus areas, and pros and cons. Amy will get some insight on a feasibility study. Committee meets at 3pm on the third Wednesday in the Rose Hill room.

Artilizing Kirkland

Kathy Feek reported that the next meeting is on Monday the 29th at 4pm at the Heathman Hotel. The committee created a statement about the purpose of the project. Jeff Cole and Les Utley are working on contracts. Rebecca is looking for an available space. They have a menu of options for landlords to choose from. Les will try to get national press if they get a few good examples to create a story. Rebecca is documenting a step by step process for creating a “pop up” store.

Public/Private Art

Bob and Kathy are working on a proposal to present to the Council.

LAA Meeting

Kathy and GG will be there and can give an update on what the Cultural Council is doing.

Strategic Plan Edits

At the City Council meeting where we presented the Strategic Plan, there were suggested edits to the plan offered by the Heritage Society. Leah at that time agreed that the Council accepted the proposed changes, and would incorporate them. Council reviewed the changes recommended. Margit made a motion that we accept all changes into the document, and the motion passed.

Kirkland Uncorked

Postponed due to time constraints.

NEW BUSINESS

Cultural Council Website

Postponed due to time constraints.

Artist Profiles Website

Postponed due to time constraints.